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IN PRINCIPLE I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF PERIODIC REGIONAL CONSULAR CONFERENCES. SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO HOLD SUCH CONFERENCE IN DELHI ON JUN 6-7 PRESENTS SOME PROBLEMS FOR US. FIRSTLY, OUR CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM KARACHI AND ISLAMABAD ATTENDED MINI- REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN DELHI IN APRIL AND VALUE OF HOLDING ANOTHER CONFERENCE SO SOON THEREAFTER WOULD BE DIMINISHED, ALTHOUGH OUR OFFICERS WOULD SURELY BENEFIT FROM MISS WATSON' S PRESENCE. MORE IMPORTANT. WE ARE ENTERING PERIOD DURING WHICH THERE WILL BE WHOLESALE TURNOVER OF CONSULAR OFFICERS IN PAKISTAN: BELLETRI ( PESHAWAR) LEAVES IN JULY, ROBERTS (ISLAMABAD) IN AUGUST, AND CUNNINGHAM (KARACHI) IN SEPT/OCT. ONLY HOLDOVER OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS WILL BE GRIFFIN ( LAHORE). MY FEELING IS THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HOLD REGIONAL CONFERENCE SOME TIME NEXT FALL WHEN OUR NEW OFFICERS WILL BE ON BOARD AND CAN BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING. (IN ANY EVENT, EXCEPTIONAL PERSONNEL SQUEEZE IN EARLY JUNE WOULD PREVENT ATTENDANCE BY OFFICER FROM KARACHI, OUR LARGEST CONSULAR POST.) I SUSPECT AMB MOYNIHAN ALSO HAS COGENT POINT ABOUT JUNE CRAZY SEASON IN DELHI. CONFIDENTIAL

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